PCO/STD/ISD/FAX booths at railway stations

757. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policy for allotment of PCO/STD/ ISD/FAX booths at Railway Stations has been changed recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the policy regarding allotment of the same PCO/STD/ ISD/FAX booths to legal heirs of deceased handicapped persons at Railway Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised policy stipulates eligibility conditions, procedure for selection *oi* candidates, terms and conditions for allotment, monitoring system etc.

(c) In case of death of the licensee during the tenure of the contract, the licence shall be transferred in the name of his/her spouse or legal heir for the unexpired period only irrespective of the fact whether he/she belongs *to* the category under which the licence was accorded but subject to conditions that he/she will get the telephone booth transferred in his/her favour from the MTNL or Telephone Department.

Consultancy Firm for Developing OFN of Railways

758. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 665 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th May, 2000 and state;

(a) the procedure being adopted to select the consultancy firm for developing the business plan for the corporation for optical Fibre network and the *time* schedule thereof;

(b) the details arising out of the Railways' action to set up the proposed Corporation;

(c) the nature and equity holdings of this proposed Corporation;